

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Original) A portable device for oral administration of a fluid source to an animal, said device comprising

- i) a hollow, axially-elongated member comprising
 - a) a distal end comprising a first opening, preferably in the form of a nozzle portion, and
 - b) a proximal end comprising a second opening connected to
- ii) a handle comprising
 - a) a distal portion connecting the handle to said axially-elongated member, and
 - b) a proximal portion connecting the handle to
- iii) a flexible tube comprising
 - a) a distal end comprising a first opening connected to the handle, and
 - b) a proximal end comprising a second opening connected to
- iv) a hollow adaptor capable of attaching the flexible tube to a fluid source container, said adaptor comprising
 - a) a distal end comprising a first opening, said distal end capable of securing attachment of said adaptor to the tubing, and
 - b) a proximal end comprising a second opening, said proximal end capable of bringing the adaptor in contact with the fluid source stored in
- v) said device further comprising a switch mechanism for regulating the flow of liquid through the axially-elongated member,

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wherein the fluid source of the device is stored in a container insert in the form of a disposable, flexible polymer bag, said container insert being arranged in the fluid source container fitted to holding said container insert, said fluid source container comprising

- a) at least one attachment site capable of securing the attachment of the container to the adaptor, and
- b) means for transporting the device by the operator.

Claims 2-3 (Canceled)

4. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of claims 2 and 3~~ claim 1, wherein the nozzle portion is of a shape and size which preferably inhibits the axially-elongated member from being inserted into the trachea of the domestic animal.

Claims 5-7 (Canceled)

8. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1 wherein the axially-elongated member comprises or consists of a polymer.

Claims 9-10 (Canceled)

11. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the length of the axially-elongated member from the tip of the nozzle portion to the distal portion of the handle is from 30 cm to 34 cm, such as about 32 cm.

Claims 12-13 (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the switch mechanism for regulating the flow of fluid source through the axially-elongated member is comprised in the handle.

15. (Canceled)

16. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the switch mechanism comprises a valve.

17. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the switch mechanism ~~comprise~~ comprises a sliding valve.

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the handle is hollow.

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21. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the handle consists of at least two detachable parts.

22. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein the adaptor comprises a tapering end.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Currently Amended) The device according to claim ~~[[23]]~~ 22, wherein said adaptor further comprises a shoulder distal to said tapering end for providing a tight connection between the adaptor and said container insert.

25. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of claims 22 to 24~~ claim 22, wherein said adaptor further comprises a plurality of locking pins for securing the attachment of the adaptor to said fluid source container.

26. (Canceled)

27. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of the preceding claims~~ claim 1, wherein said adaptor further comprises a portion for detachably connecting the adaptor to a cleaning device.

Claims 28-31 (Canceled)

32. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of claims 1 to 32~~ claim 1, wherein the container comprises a single polymer sheet capable of folding into a container, said polymer sheet comprising

a first wall portion, a second wall portion, and a base portion

wherein the first wall portion is permanently fixed to said second wall portion along a single first axis,

wherein said first wall portion is permanently fixed to a base portion along a single second axis,

wherein said second wall portion is detachably fixed to said first wall portion along a single third axis,

and wherein said second axis connects said first and third axes.

33. (Currently Amended) The device according to ~~any of claims 1 to 32~~ claim 1, wherein said container is capable of being unfolded into an essentially planar sheet when not in use.

34. (Canceled)

35. (Original) A method for oral administration of a fluid or liquid source to an animal, said method comprising the steps of

- i) providing a fluid or liquid source,
- ii) providing a device according to any of the previous claims

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- iii) filling said container insert of the device with said fluid or liquid source, and
- iv) administering said fluid or liquid source to said animal, optionally by operating said switch mechanism.

36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim ~~[[36]]~~ 35, wherein the liquid source is selected from the group consisting of colostrum, aqueous solutions of nutrients or electrolytes, aqueous solutions of medicaments and the like.

38. (Original) The method according to claim 37, wherein the liquid source is colostrum.

Claims 39-46 (Canceled)

47. (Currently Amended) A method for conferring passive immunity to a newly born domestic animal, said method comprising the steps of

- i) providing a passive immunity source, such as immunoglobulins,
- ii) providing a device according to ~~any of claims 1 to 34~~ claim 1,
- iii) filling said container insert of the device with said passive immunity source, and
- iv) administering said passive immunity source to said bovine species, optionally by operating said switch mechanism.

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48. (Currently Amended) The method of ~~any of claims 36 to 47~~ claim 35, wherein the device used is according to ~~any of claims 1 to 34~~ claim 1, and wherein the size of the nozzle allows the operator of the device to determine the present position of the nozzle in the esophagus from the outside of the animal by pressing said nozzle portion against the inside wall of the esophagus.